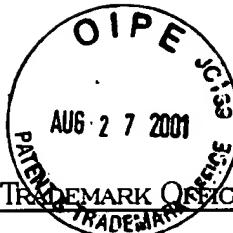




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09/841,187	04/25/2001	Michael L. Nelson	1857.0350000

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$638.
 - \$558 for 31 total claims over 20.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1478.

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Complete If Known

Application Number	09/841,187
Filing Date	April 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael L. Nelson
Examiner Name	(to be assigned)
Group Art Unit	(to be assigned)
Attorney Docket No.	1857.0350000

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Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	\$710.00
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **710.00**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 51 - 20** =	31 X \$18.00 =	\$558.00
Indep. Claims 4- 3** =	1 X \$80.00 =	\$80.00
Multiple Dependent	\$270.00 =	\$0.00

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) **638.00**

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES
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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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Box Missing Parts

Re: U.S. Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/841,187; Filed: April 25, 2001
For: **Method and System for Improving Focus Accuracy in a Lithography System**
Inventors: Michael L. Nelson *et al.*
Our Ref: 1857.0350000

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated June 26, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
4. Return postcard; and
5. Our Check No. 32358 for \$ 1,478.00 to cover:
\$ 710.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16);
\$ 638.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16); and
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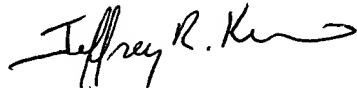
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Respectfully submitted,

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